

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, at the last general election we revised the Constitution in order to correct and make possible off-street parking, which didn't exist prior to the time that people by their vote changed this provision. I can only apologize because these people didn't come down here when they should have a long time ago. They have had some difficulty, so they said in having these two bills drafted. By those people who have to be experts in the field of the issuance of bonds in order to make them salable. Now, all this bill does is apply only to first class and second class cities, and what it does, it gives the permission to those in that position to acquire by forming an assessment district in order to create parking, in order to be able to do something to offset the shopping centers which are now being erected in almost every first class city. They say, and I believe and I accept, unless something like this is made possible, we are going to erode the main streets of most first and second class cities way beyond the bounds that they exist. This bill, as I understand it, as supported by the League of Municipalities. I requested that they contact the members of this Legislature that were interested in this legislation. I will ask the Reference Committee to put these bills on general file without a hearing. Now, that means for example if anybody objects when they are on general file, you can refer them for a hearing. You have five days after that before we can act on it. So, in the meantime, those who might be interested, if these bills are put in this position would contact those people who I have indicated, who are interested in this building in order to substantiate what I have said. I think that they are highly important in this specific area of first class and second class cities in the state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Richendifer, then Senator Snyder.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Would Senator Carpenter yield?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Could you tell me why this just includes the first and second class cities?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well all I can say Senator, is that is where the particular problem is and when you get into areas like metropolitan primaries, then you get into an area where there is controversy because you have those who are engaged in this type of business. I don't know of any first or second class cities, there may be some, I don't know of any, in which this would clash with so-called private enterprise.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Would this be objectional if all cities and villages would be included?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I could not speak for Omaha or Lincoln. In this case, I don't intend to. I would think that you might make it controversial.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the body, would Senator Carpenter yield please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter will you yield?